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PRESS RELEASE

**TRIO CHARGED WITH
CONSPIRING TO TRANSPORT A MINOR TO ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION**

Boston, MA... A federal Indictment was unsealed today following the arrests of three Massachusetts residents in connection with their alleged involvement in arranging for a minor to work as a prostitute in several New England states.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; John C. Richter, Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division; Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New England; and Thomas F. Reilly, Massachusetts Attorney General, announced today that **ROBERT WILLIAMS**, age 47, of 5 Pearl Avenue, Winthrop, Massachusetts; **DAWN YOUNG**, a/k/a "Dawn Rossi," age 39, of 77 Bennington Street, Revere, Massachusetts; and **BROOKE DENMAN**, age 28, of 38 Estes Street, Lynn, Massachusetts were each charged in an Indictment with one count of Conspiring to Transport an Individual in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution, one count of Conspiring to Transport a Minor in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution, and one count of Sex Trafficking of Children.

Additionally, **WILLIAMS** is charged with two counts of Inducing an Individual to Travel in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution, four counts of Transporting a Minor in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution and three counts of Transporting an Individual in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution.

YOUNG is also charged with one count of Transporting a Minor in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution and one count of Transporting an Individual in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution. **DENMAN** is also charged with one count of Inducing an Individual to Travel in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution.

The Indictment alleges that between October 2000 and September 2002, the defendants conspired to use a minor for prostitution activities, which involved Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. The Indictment also alleges that the defendants took some or all of the minor's earnings from prostitution and helped her to obtain false

identification documents.

According to the Indictment, beginning in August of 2000, **WILLIAMS** arranged for the minor, who was aged thirteen and fourteen during the alleged crimes, to work for him as a prostitute in Connecticut. It is alleged that **WILLIAMS** drove the minor from Massachusetts to Hartford, Connecticut to engage in prostitution and that he kept the proceeds earned by the minor.

The Indictment further alleges that between January of 2001 and September of 2002, **WILLIAMS** began receiving prostitution calls for the minor through **YOUNG**, who operated an escort service. It is alleged that the minor was transported or induced to travel at various times by **WILLIAMS**, **YOUNG** and **DENMAN** from Massachusetts to other locations in the states of Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island to engage in acts of prostitution. It is alleged that **WILLIAMS** and **YOUNG** shared the earnings of the minor.

This case is part of the Innocence Lost Initiative, a cooperative effort between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice to prevent and prosecute child prostitution.

WILLIAMS was arrested in Indiana on Friday, August 5, 2005. He is being transported by the U.S. Marshals to the District of Massachusetts. **YOUNG** and **DENMAN** were arrested today in Massachusetts and appeared this afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Judith Dein. **DENMAN** was released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond. **YOUNG** remains in federal custody pending a detention hearing scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2005 at 3:30 pm before U.S. Magistrate Judge Joyce London Alexander.

Upon conviction, the two Conspiracy charges each carry a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison; the Sex Trafficking of Children charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; each of the Inducing a Minor to Travel to Engage in Prostitution charges carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison; each of the Transporting a Minor to Engage in Prostitution charges carries a maximum sentence of 15 years; and each of the Transporting an Individual to Engage in Prostitution charges carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with assistance from the Massachusetts State Police. The case is being prosecuted by Trial Attorney Wendy Waldron in the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Balthazard in Sullivan's Economic Crimes Unit with assistance from Assistant Attorney General Dana Dee Leccese in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

The details contained in the Indictment are allegations. The defendants are presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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